

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE CENTER

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM JUN 20 AM 11:41

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 135 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Tim Walsh
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ or None ☒
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 6/8/18 Return: 6/10/18
b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____ or None ☒
4. Departure city: Washington, DC Destination: Baltimore, MD Return city: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): U.S. Association of former Members of Congress
6. Describe meetings and events attended: Two full days of discussions facilitated by experts in transpacific relations.
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
 - a. ☒ a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
 - b. ☒ the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
 - c. ☒ page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; and
 - d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box): ☒
b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER: Tim Walsh DATE: 6/19/18

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Juan C. Vargas DATE: 6/19/18

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Juan Vargas

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. ***A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.*** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): FMC
2. Travel Destination(s): Baltimore, Maryland
3. Date of Departure: 8 June 2018 Date of Return: 10 June 2018
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Tim Walsh
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	77.72	322	193	125.88 (room fee, setup and taxes)
Accompanying Relative				

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: PK

Name: Paul Kincaid Title: Director of Congressional Outreach

Organization: FMC

I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

Address: 1401 K Street NW

Telephone number: 202-507-4848

Email Address: pkincaid@usafmc.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Tim Walsh
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress
Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
3. Travel destination(s): Baltimore, MD
4. a. Date of departure June 8, 2018 Date of return: June 10, 2018
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes:
(1) Name of accompanying relative: _____
(2) Relationship to traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: ☒ Yes ☐ No
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.
As Chief of Staff to Rep. Vargas, this colloquium will expand my
understanding of transpacific relations. It will also better inform my
future policy recommendations on items that impact US-Asia relations.
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? ☐ Yes ☒ No

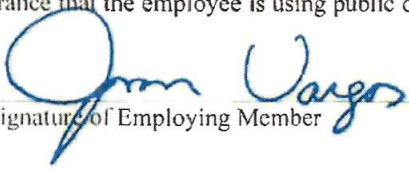
10. **FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:**

TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: 5/8/18


Signature of Employing Member

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): _____
U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒
3. Check only one: I represent that:
 - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip ☐ or
 - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds ☐ or
 - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities. ☒If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____
Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):
Please see attached page as well as the attached invitee list.
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
6. Date of departure: June 8, 2018 Date of return: June 10, 2018
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
b. Destination(s): Baltimore, MD
c. City of return: Washington, DC
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ or
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
9. Check one of the following:
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☒
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ or
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (indicate agenda is attached by checking box): ☒
11. Check one:
- I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒ or
 - N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐
12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
Please see attached page.

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.
- Mode of travel: Air ☐ Rail ☒ Bus ☐ Car ☒ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
 - Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
 - If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
N/A

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒
15. I represent that either (check one of the following):
- The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ or
 - The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ☒
If "b" is checked:
1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____
\$51.75 for Friday and Sunday, \$69 for Saturday
2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____
Proximity to Washington, DC, and capacity for meeting spaces

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel name: Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel City: Baltimore, MD Cost per night: \$161
Reason(s) for selecting: Proximity to DC, meeting space, and comfort of accommodation
- Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____
Reason(s) for selecting: _____
- Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____
Reason(s) for selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$80 / \$40.98 (see attached)	\$322	\$172.5
For each accompanying relative	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$125	Parking, room fee (see attached page)
For each accompanying relative	N/A	N/A

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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ☒ or
b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Sabine Schleidt

Name: Sabine Schleidt

Title: Chief Operating Officer

Organization: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress

Address: 1401 K Street NW, Suite 503 Washington, DC 20005

Telephone number: (202)222-0972

Email address: SSchleidt@usafmc.org

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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U.S. House of Representatives
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

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GRANTMAKING TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by a public charity or private foundation (both as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) that provides a grant of funds to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. **Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.**

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. I certify that (name of your organization): Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.
☒ Yes ☐ No
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)
3. I certify that my organization (*complete a or b*):
 - a. ☒ Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. *or*
 - b. ☐ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
(destination) _____ on (date) _____ that is
being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4. Check one:
 - a. ☒ My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent *or*
 - b. ☐ My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒
6. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name: James Peter Zumwalt Title: CEO

Organization: Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

Address: 1819 L Street, NW, Suite 300 Washington, DC 20036

Telephone number: 202 296 6694 Email: jzumwalt@spfusa.org

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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Mr. Timothy Walsh
Office of the Honorable Juan Vargas
1605 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Walsh:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Baltimore, Maryland, scheduled for June 8 to 10, 2018, sponsored by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress with financial support from the Sasakawa Peace Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Susan W. Brooks
Chairwoman

Theodore E. Deutch
Ranking Member

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Addendum

4. This weekend colloquium is intended for a bipartisan group of Chiefs of Staff of the United States House of Representatives to gain insights into key transpacific issues and build new networks with leading experts. FMC invited Chiefs of Staff and Deputy Chiefs of Staff from the House of Representatives whose offices have previously expressed interest in U.S.-Asia relations. In addition, staff whose Members serve on committees relevant to the trip's issues area – in particular, security, energy, trade, and social issues – were invited.

12. The U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress' Congressional Study Group on Japan – which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year – is among the largest and most active parliamentary exchange programs between the U.S. Congress and the legislative branch of another country. The weekend colloquium on Asia aims to provide senior staff with focused panel discussions on Asia with a variety of experts from the academic, media, diplomatic, and business communities. The issues covered during this colloquium include, but are not limited to, Asian security landscape, trade and economy, demographic change and immigration, science and technology cooperation, and soft power and cultural exchange.

FMC's Congressional Study Group on Japan is responsible for organizing the seminar program, arranging logistics, and inviting expert speakers to the program. FMC is solely responsible for all invitations to and communications with seminar participants, as well as the budget for the 2018 Chiefs of Staff Colloquium on Asia.

Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA (SPFUSA) awards grant monies to fund the year-round programming of The Congressional Study Group on Japan as a part of their mission of promoting understanding between the U.S. and Japan, in addition to this weekend seminar. Experts from SPFUSA will participate in selected roundtables as panelists and moderators.

18. FMC will provide an optional shuttle service from Capitol Hill to the seminar venue on Friday as well as a return shuttle from the seminar venue to Capitol Hill on Sunday. For participants who will drive, we will cover parking space fee for two nights and reimburse mileage between Capitol Hill and Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel (38.3 miles/ one way) with \$0.535/mile, rate set by GSA.

Transportation expenses for those taking a shuttle: \$80

Transportation expenses for those driving: \$40.98, plus "other" expenses of parking fee, in the amount of \$100.)

Upon the conclusion of the trip, FMC will provide the actual costs associated with each participant on the post-trip disclosure form.

2018 Chiefs of Staff Colloquium:

Transpacific Relations: Where Did We Begin and Where Are We Going?

Friday, June 8, 2018 to Sunday, June 10, 2018

Baltimore, Maryland

Participant List

Mr. Jose Borjon, Chief of Staff, U.S. Rep. Vincente Gonzalez (D-TX)

Ms. Marilyn Dillihay, Chief of Staff, U.S. Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN)

Mr. Jay Gertsema, Chief of Staff, U.S. Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV)

Mr. Aaron Schmidt, Chief of Staff, U.S. Rep. Susan Del Bene (D-WA)

Mr. Arthur Sidney, Chief of Staff, U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson (D-GA)

Mr. Tim Walsh, Chief of Staff, U.S. Rep. Juan Vargas (D-CA)

Mr. Luis Baco, Chief of Staff, Resident Commissioner Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon (R-PR)

Mr. Brendan Belair, Chief of Staff, U.S. Rep. Doug Collins (R-GA)

Mr. Chris Carter, Chief of Staff, U.S. Rep. Richard Hudson (R-NC)

COLLOQUIUM AGENDA

Transpacific Relations: Where Did We Begin and Where Are We Going?

Friday, June 8, 2018 to Sunday, June 10, 2018
Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel
202 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

FMC Staff: Paul Kincaid, Alexis Ayano Terai, Lorraine Harbison

Last Update: June 14, 2018 | All meetings subject to change

Friday, June 8, 2018

- 4:30 p.m. *Z-Limo will pickup all passengers at the Capitol South Metro station, across from Capitol Hill Club at 4:30 p.m.*
- Starting 3:00 p.m. Check-in Available at hotel
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Welcome Reception**
Guilford Room, 5th Floor, Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel
- 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. **Welcome Dinner**
Federal Hill Room, 5th Floor, Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel
- Asia 101 / History**
Emma Chanlett-Avery, Congressional Research Service
Amb. James Zumwalt, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
Moderator: Sheila Smith, Council on Foreign Relations

Saturday, June 9, 2018

- Starting 6:30 a.m. **Breakfast available at restaurant on the fifth floor**
- 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. **Roundtable: Views from Journalists – Covering the US-Asia Relationship**
- Bethany Allen-Ebrahimian, Foreign Policy
 - James Palmer, Foreign Policy
 - Moderator: Emma Chanlett-Avery, CRS
- Homeland Room, 5th Floor, Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel*
- 11:00 am – 12:30 pm **Break**

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch Roundtable Conversation: The Changing Asian Workforce, Including Immigration's Impact

- Nora Kim, Mary Washington University
- Shihoko Goto, Wilson Center

Federal Hill Room, 5th Floor, Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Roundtable: The Future Of United States Security Policy In Asia

- Jim Schoff, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- Patrick Cronin, Center for a New American Security
- Bonnie Glaser, CSIS
- Moderator: Andrew Oros, Washington College

Homeland Room, 5th Floor, Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel

4:15 – 5:30 p.m.

From The Professionals: A Conversation On The Role Of ASEAN Nations

- Deputy Chief of Mission Sheryl Shum, Embassy of Singapore
- Moderator: Former U.S. Amb. To Singapore Timothy Chorba

Homeland Room, 5th Floor, Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Dinner Roundtable: Informal Experts Discussion

- Amb. James Zumwalt, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
- Jim Schoff, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- Bethany Allen-Ebrahimian, Foreign Policy

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231 S High St
Baltimore, MD 21202*

Sunday, June 10, 2018

****Please check-out before the breakfast session.****

9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Breakfast Roundtable: TPP-11, China and the Future of Trade on the Pacific Rim

- Barbara Weisel, Rock Creek Advisors
- Cathleen Cimino-Isaacs, CRS
- Rory MacFarquhar, Google
- Moderator: Probir Mehta, Facebook

Homeland Room, 5th Floor, Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel

10:30 am – 12:15 pm **Roundtable: The Business Atmosphere In Japan and Korea**

- Tiger Minsok Chu, KITA
- Jun Aketa, Mitsui
- Josh Walker, The Eurasia Group
- Moderator: Satoshihiro Akimoto, Washington Insights

Homeland Room, 5th Floor, Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Closing Lunch: Rotating Tables

Each expert will host a table and congressional participants will have a chance to interact with experts in a smaller group based on their interests.

- Amb. James Zumwalt, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
- Josh Walker, The Eurasia Group
- Amb. Timothy Chorb
- Tiger Minsok Chu

Pratt Street Ale House

206 W. Pratt St. Baltimore, MD 21201

2:15 p.m.

Shuttle departing from Pratt Street Ale House, 206 Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202) to Capitol South Metro.

Event Bios



Barbara Weisel
Rock Creek Advisors

Barbara Weisel is a Managing Director at Rock Creek Global Advisors, an international economic policy advisory firm, where she focuses on international trade and investment policy and negotiations as well as market access and regulatory matters. Ms. Weisel has more than 25 years of experience advancing international trade and investment initiatives, expanding market access in Asia-Pacific markets, and resolving specific issues faced by businesses in the Asia-Pacific. Ms. Weisel served most recently as Assistant US Trade Representative for Southeast Asia and the Pacific. She was the US chief negotiator for the 12-country Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) from its inception in 2008 through its signing in 2016. She was responsible for developing US positions in coordination with other government agencies, Congress and the US private sector.

As Deputy Assistant US Trade Representative for Bilateral Asian Affairs (Korea, Southeast Asia, and South Asia), Ms. Weisel served as negotiator of FTAs with Malaysia, Thailand, Australia and Singapore. She also was charged with monitoring and enforcing Asian countries' compliance with their World Trade Organization commitments and working with US companies to resolve specific issues in these markets.

Weisel earned two Masters Degrees from Harvard University in 1983 in Public Policy with a focus on international development, and Religious Studies, with a focus on Islamic civilization. She has a Bachelor's degree from Connecticut College (Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude).



Cathleen Cimino-Isaacs
Congressional Research Service

Cathleen Cimino-Isaacs is an Analyst in International Trade and Finance at the Congressional Research Service, where she focuses on issues related to US trade in Asia, China's Belt and Road Initiative, and the World Trade Organization. Previously, Cimino-Isaacs worked as a Research Associate at the Peterson Institute for International Economics from 2012 to 2017, where she conducted research on US trade and investment policy, Asia-Pacific trade relations and economic integration, and the future of the world trade agenda. She was also coeditor of the Peterson Institute's *Trans-Pacific Partnership: An Assessment* (2016). Cimino-Isaacs has written on US trade policy for various journals and media outlets, including the East Asia Forum, VoxEU, and PBS NewsHour. She received a Master's degree in international affairs from the School of Global Policy and Strategy at the University of California, San Diego, and was a recipient of The Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (Sylff), a fellowship program of the Tokyo Foundation and Nippon Foundation. She holds a Bachelor's degree magna cum laude in East Asian Studies from Columbia University.



Probir Mehta
Facebook

Probir Mehta is global lead for intellectual property (IP) and trade policy at Facebook. Previously, he served as Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Innovation & IP at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, where he was responsible for developing and overseeing U.S. trade policy related to innovation and IP and served as the lead IP negotiator for the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). At USTR, Probir also served as Associate General Counsel, providing counsel and analysis on intellectual property, standards, labor, and trade preference programs for emerging markets. He also represented the United States in litigation before the World Trade Organization. While at USTR, he was selected to serve as a senior advisor to the U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator where he developed and coordinated innovation-related international economic policy.

Prior to his government service, Probir practiced law in Washington, DC, clerked for the Honorable Federico A. Moreno of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, was a Visiting Scholar at the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences in Kolkata, India, and an Associate Professorial Lecturer in Law at The George Washington University Law School. Probir holds a B.A. from the University of Michigan, a MSc. from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a J.D. from the George Washington University Law School.



Rory MacFarquhar
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